

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S981, as Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable Robert E. "Bob" Walker, Chairperson, House Education and Public Works Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

This Bill provides that all highways in the state highway system must be built according to state standards. The Bill allows the Department of Transportation to add county and municipal roads to the state highway system when necessary for the interconnectivity of the state highway system. This Bill includes additional provisions relating to the deletion and removal of roads from the state highway secondary system. Additionally, the Bill repeals section 57-5-90, relating to belt lines and spurs.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) indicates it is difficult to determine the potential impact to the agency. The number of road miles that may be added or deleted from the state highway system under this Bill is not readily determinable. This Bill would have no direct impact on the General Fund of the State since the Department is funded with state and federal fuel tax revenue. Currently, SCDOT maintains over 41,000 miles of roads (62%) and local governments maintain nearly 25,000 miles or 38% of the statewide total. Approximately one-third of the state's primary and interstate highways are considered to be in poor or mediocre condition. Approximately half of the state's secondary roads are in poor or mediocre condition. In addition, about 20% of the state's bridges are considered deficient.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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